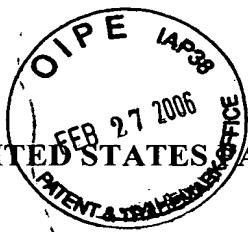


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Sir:

Concurrent with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, kindly withdraw the application from appeal and amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments and additions to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.